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SUBJECT: CODEL OXLEY'S GUANGZHOU VISIT

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1. (CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.)

2. SUMMARY: CODEL OXLEY'S NOVEMBER 16-17 UNOFFICIAL VISIT TO GUANGZHOU WAS CLOAKED BY CPIA/FPO OBFUSCATION WHICH RESULTED IN

LIMITED SUBSTANTIVE DIALOGUE FOR THE CONGRESSMAN WITH CHINESE OFFICIALS DURING THEIR GUANGZHOU STOP. THE SHENZHEN PORTION OF THE VISIT, A SEGMENT NOT PREVIOUSLY EXPLAINED TO EITHER THE CONGRESSMEN OR TO CONGEN, WAS HANDLED SEPARATELY AND WITHOUT ANY CONGEN PARTICIPATION. MOREOVER, CODEL HAD A PRODUCTIVE EVENING DIALOGUE WITH GOVERNOR YE XIAMPING OVER DINNER AND COULD PEE CHIEF MET WITH GROUP ON OTHER OCCASIONS TO DISCUSS THE LOCAL SCENE. END SUMMARY.

3. GOVERNOR YE'S DINNER MEETING WITH CODEL OXLEY NOT SURPRISINGLY WAS DEVOTED TO DISCUSSION OF THE LOCAL ECONOMIC MIRACLE. CONGRESSMAN DARDEN, HOWEVER, PAID SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO GOVERNOR YE'S FATHER, MARSHAL YE JIANYING, NOTING HIS ROLE IN "SAVING CHAIRMAN MAO" AND OTHER IMPORTANT MILITARY LEADERSHIP QUALITIES. THE YOUNGER YE WAS CHARACTERISTICALLY MODEST, EXPLAINING HOW THIS WAS TECHNICALLY TRUE BUT SUGGESTING A DETAILED EVALUATION OF THE ACTUAL INCIDENT WOULD TAKE A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF DISCUSSION. MOREOVER, THE GOVERNOR WAS CLEARLY PLEASED BY CONGRESSMAN DARDEN'S REFERENCE TO HIS FATHER AND TO THE FACT THAT THE CONGRESSMAN HAD OBVIOUSLY DONE SOME HOMEWORK ON HIS HOST.

4. CONGRESSMAN OXLEY RAISED CONGEN CONCERN ABOUT U.S. BUSINESS SALES OPPORTUNITIES IN THE GUANGDONG AREA AND PARTICULARLY THE STEPHENSON AND STEPHENSON CASE CONCERNING POWER PLANT EQUIPMENT (REF D1). YE INDICATED HE WAS INTERESTED IN GUANGDONG HAVING THE WIDEST POSSIBLE DEALINGS ABROAD AND CERTAINLY WELCOMED U.S. BUSINESS

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ACTIVITIES. HE SAID THAT OXLEY'S ("OJY") WAS STILL NEWLY FIGHTING TO WIN NEED FOR MORE INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS, AND PARTICULARLY TO MEET POWER DEFICIENCIES. YE ACKNOWLEDGED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE U.S. MARKET AND EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE CONTINUATION OF MFN STATUS FOR CHINA. (CODEL MEMBERS SUPPORTED MFN CONTINUATION FOR CHINA.) SITTING ARRANGEMENTS AT THE TABLE PRECLUDED OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION FROM ADDRESSING THE GOVERNOR DIRECTLY.

5. YE'S INFORMAL, RELAXED STYLE MADE A UNIVERSALLY POSITIVE IMPRESSION ON THE DELEGATION. CONGRESSMAN OXLEY NOTED YE DID NOT BRING OTHER OFFICIALS TO THEIR MEETING AND DINNER, PREFERRED TO DO THINGS ON HIS OWN. YE ALSO ENGAGED IN A LOT OF THE PLAYFUL BANTER THAT WENT ON AROUND THE TABLE DURING DINNER AND INSISTED THE GROUP TRY MAOTAI, HOLDING SOME TO A TWO-GLASS CONSUMPTION TO PARALLEL THEIR TWO-DAY VISIT AND OBTAINING COMMITMENTS FROM OTHERS FOR A RETURN VISIT BASED ON A THIRD CUP WHICH WAS RITUALLY STAGE-SET FOR THE CAMERAS.

6. IN ADDITION TO THEIR MEETING WITH THE GOVERNOR, CODEL VISITED THE HENRY FOK CARDIAC CENTER AT THE PROVINCIAL PEOPLE'S HOSPITAL AND THE BEIJING ROAD PRODUCE MARKET. (SPOUSES

SEPARATELY VISITED THE SHAMIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.) SCHEDULING IN SHENZHEN FOR THE EVENING OF NOVEMBER 17 INCLUDED A TOUR OF THE INDUSTRIAL EXHIBIT HALL AND DINNER WITH VICE MAYOR ZHANG KONG YI. THESE WERE FOLLOWED BY VISITS TO McDONALD'S AND SCENIC CHINA, A MINIATURE CHINA THEME PARK, THE NEXT DAY BEFORE THE CODEL WAS

BUSED FROM SHENZHEN TO HONG KONG IN THE EARLY AFTERNOON.

7. NOTE ON PLANNING/COORDINATION WITH CHINESE HOSTS: PROTOCOL OFFICE OF THE CHINESE HOST ORGANIZATION HAD INFORMED US THE DELEGATION WOULD COME FROM SHANGHAI ON THE EVENING OF NOVEMBER 15, HAVE DINNER WITH THE GOVERNOR, AND LEAVE THE HOTEL THE FOLLOWING MORNING ON AN 0338 TRAIN TO SHENZHEN. WE WERE ALSO TOLD THE GROUP WOULD LEAVE SHENZHEN LATER IN THE DAY AND ARRIVE IN HONG KONG SOMETIME ON THE 17TH. THE CODEL WAS NOT TOLD NOT TOLD ABOUT ITS PROGRAM -- AT LEAST ONE CONGRESSMAN WANTED TO KNOW WHY THE GROUP WAS GOING TO SHENZHEN -- AND WAS ONLY TOLD IT WOULD HAVE A VERY BUSY SCHEDULE. GUANGDONG SCHEDULE WAS FIRST PRESENTED TO THE CODEL ON THE BUS FROM GUANGZHOU AIRPORT TO THE HOTEL. BECAUSE THE SCHEDULE WAS SUPPOSEDLY SO BUSY, CODEL EARLIER DECLINED OUR OFFER OF A BRIEFING. WE DID, HOWEVER, PROVIDE A WRITTEN SYNOPSIS OF GUANGDONG'S

FIRST HALF-YEAR ECONOMIC PROGRESS AND ARRANGED A COUPLE OF INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS. WE ACCOMPANIED THE GROUP DURING THEIR DINNER WITH THE GOVERNOR AND FOR BREAKFAST AND SATURDAY MORNING TRAVELS IN GUANGZHOU. WE KNEW AND COULD TALK EASILY TO DELEGATION MEMBERS DURING THEIR BREAKFAST HOUR. NO PERSONNEL ACCOMPANIED CODEL TO SHENZHEN AS IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO PARADE 150-MINUTE PARTICIPATION IN THOSE EVENTS. SEPTEL WILL DISCUSS THIS AND OTHER COORDINATION PROBLEMS WITH RESENT

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A. CODEL DID NOT CLEAR THIS MESSAGE BEFORE
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